



2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Families

It is lovely to have started my third term at Combe Pafford and the sunshine has arrived with wonderful timing.

Our residential programme has started with the Year 8 and 9s enjoying a super week of adventure and excitement both in France and closer to home. I hope they have all had a wonderful week and have made memories that will last a long time.

Can I extend my thanks to the staff who have, and will, organise and support all the residential this year. They take a great deal of work, and I am so grateful to everyone who helps support our young people have such wonderful experiences.

Consultation for the New School Day

Thank you so much to everyone who has shared their voice and opinions on the consultation for the new school day. The response was high and I have really valued the conversations, dialogue and questions that have arisen. Whatever the outcome, I feel the process and feedback has been very valuable to myself and the whole school. Questions and thoughts around and outside the topic of the school day have been raised and all have helped me understand how you feel about the school and what we do. This will only allow us to improve, and I am grateful for your honesty and candour.

The Governors will consider the feedback, and families will be informed of the decision by 17th May.

GCSE Examinations

Some of our Year 11 students are about to start their GCSE Exams. They have been working extremely hard and we wish them lots of luck over the next few weeks.

Sickness

Please could I remind all parents that, if your child is unwell and not attending at school, a phone call must be made for **each day that they are not attending**. i.e If your child is off with a sickness bug and you keep them off for 3 days, please make sure that you call the school and either speak to a member on reception staff or leave a message on the voicemail service every morning before 8.45am, otherwise a member of staff will call you to ensure that your child is still off and in your care.

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Hot Weather

It has been a week of increasing temperatures and hopefully we will see the sun more often during the coming term. Can I please remind you that we encourage all students to bring a water bottle to school every day. When the weather is hot, please also consider a hat and suncream.

I am happy that students can wear shorts during hot weather if they wish, but these must be grey/black and be tailored and knee length shorts (like shorter trousers that students wear to school). Sports/football shorts, hotpants, minishorts/mini leggings are not acceptable. Students should still bring their PE kit to get changed into for PE please. A blue/white checked dress may also be worn in the summer.

Finally, I would remind all parents and families that there is Bank Holiday on **Monday 5th May** and therefore the school will be closed. We look forward to welcoming the children back next week on Tuesday 6th May.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful, slightly longer, weekend and that the sun continues to shine throughout.

Yours sincerely



Sally Banfield
Headteacher

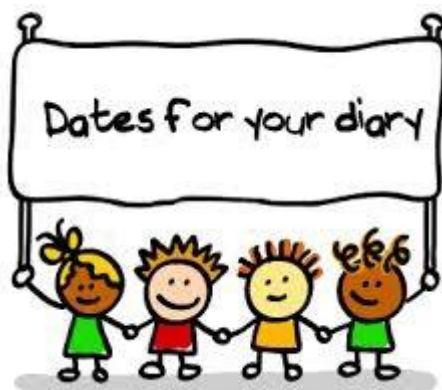
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May 2025

- 2nd May KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 5th May **MAY BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL IS CLOSED)**
- 6th May KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 9th May KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 9th – 10th May Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge
- 12th – 15th May Year 7 Residential to Wales
- 12th – 15th May KS2 – SATS Week
- 13th May KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 13th May GCSE Exam – Biology
- 15th May GCSE Exam- Maths Foundation
- 16th May KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 19th May GCSE Exam – Chemistry Paper 1
- 19th – 21st May Residential – Dartmoor Activity Centre
- 20th May KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 22nd May Year 9 Hinkley Point Science Trip
- 22nd May GCSE Exam – Physics Paper 1
- 22nd May **LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS**
- 23rd May GCSE Exam – English
- 23rd May **NON PUPIL DAY (ALL STUDENTS NOT TAKING GCSE's)**

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June 2025

- 2nd June **STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL**
- 2nd June **GCSE Exam – Statistics**
- 3rd June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 4th June **GCSE Exam – Maths Foundation**
- 6th June **GCSE Exam – English**
- 6th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 9th June **GCSE Exam – Biology**
- 10th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 11th June **GCSE Exam – Maths Foundation**
- 13th June **GCSE Exam – Chemistry**
- 13th June **GCSE Exam – Statistics**
- 13th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 16th June **GCSE Exam – Physics**
- 17th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 18th June Immunisation Team Visit (HPV/DTP)
- 20th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 23rd – 30th June Year 10 Residential – London
- 23rd – 27th June Year 11 Residential – Paris
- 23rd – 30th June Sixth Form Residential – Gran Canaria
- 24th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 27th June KS2 – Year 7 Swimming

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